

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The Final Office Action dated August 31, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-20 are pending; claims 9-20 were withdrawn in the Response to Restriction Requirement of August 12, 2003. Accordingly, claims 1-8 were examined.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP2000-111871 to Takabayashi. Claims 2, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takabayashi in view of EP 875 880 to Uchida. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takabayashi in view of Makino.

The rejection of claims 1-8 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Independent claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that it recites a combination of elements including, for example, “an image signal processor controlling a lighting order and combination of the three color light sources”. None of the cited references, including Takabayashi, Uchida or Makino, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. The structure of claim 1 of the present invention is different from the structures in the cited references in that Takabayashi does not disclose “an image signal processor controlling a lighting order and combination of the three color light sources”.

Takabayashi does not disclose or describe any “combination of the three color light sources.” In fact, Takabayashi discloses “according to the after-image of each color pixel, additive color mixture can be carried out and one frame of a color picture can be obtained” (Takabayashi, paragraph [0031]). In other words, Takabayashi does not disclose “controlling a lighting order and combination of the three color light sources” but rather relies on the residual image effect as discussed in Applicant’s disclosure at paragraph [0016]. Therefore, Takabayashi does not disclose or suggest “controlling a lighting order and combination of the three color light sources” as recited in Applicant’s claim 1. Uchida does not supply this deficiency in Takabayashi, nor does the Examiner suggest that it does.

Because Takabayashi does not teach, disclose or suggest at least this feature of Applicant's invention, claim 1, and claims 2-8 which depend from claim 1, are allowable.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in an immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. Should the Examiner feel that a teleconference would further the prosecution of the pending application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

The Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Patents to charges any fees necessary to complete this filing, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this page is enclosed.

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